

REMARKS

Applicant herewith submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. In the foregoing Amendment, Applicant requests the title be amended from "VACUUM ASSISTED CLOSURE PAD WITH ADAPTATION FOR PHOTOTHERAPY" to "NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND THERAPY PAD WITH ADAPTATION FOR PHOTOTHERAPY". Applicant will also address issues raised in Examiner's Office Action dated 03/10/2005, and will direct Examiner's attention to the Formal Drawings filed by Applicant on 01/10/2005.

In Examiner's Communication, Examiner requests drawings correcting the informalities noted on December 17, 2003, by the Official Draftsman. Applicant respectfully calls Examiner's attention to Applicant's Response to Request for Formal Drawings submitted January 10, 2005. Copies of the Response, Formal Drawings, and the Return Receipt Postcard stamped received by the PTO on January 13, 2005, are attached for Examiner's reference and consideration.

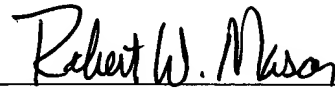
Additionally, Examiner's Communication indicates that Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated September 11, 2003, was considered "*except for*" the non-patent literature listed on page 5. Those references, along with additional references are being submitted herewith in a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for Examiner's review and consideration in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner review and consider the above matters as a result of the filing of this RCE. If upon consideration of the above, Examiner feels that outstanding issues remain that could be resolved, Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated to discuss resolution of such issues.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 C.F.R. 1.17 that may be required for filing this paper to Kinetic Concepts, Inc. Deposit Account No. 500326.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Mason", is written over a horizontal line.

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